



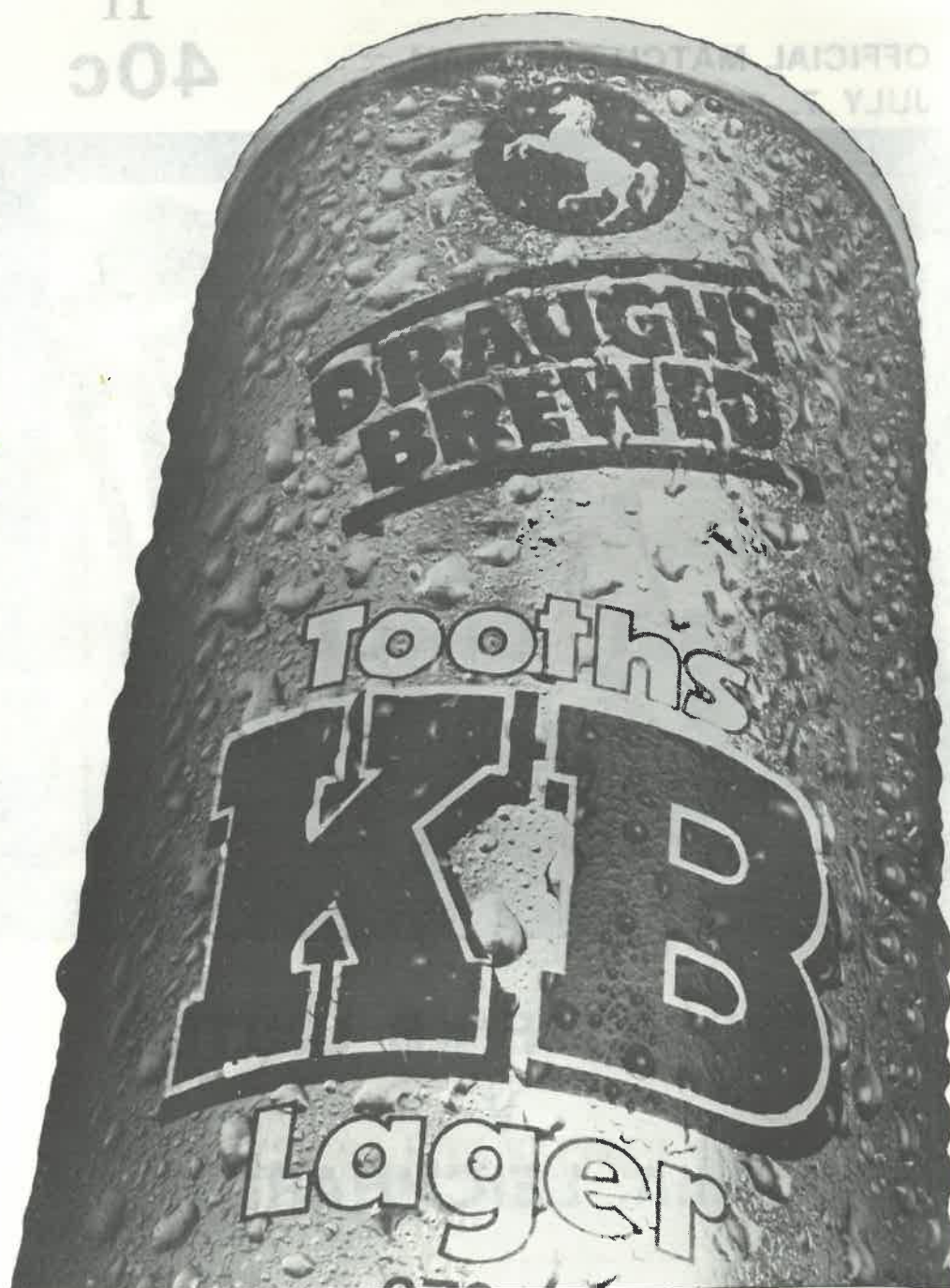
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**COVER PIC:** This is something Graham Heys does not often do. From five metres out he missed the West Adelaide goal during the match in which the visiting team drew with Newcastle KB United at the International Sports Centre. (PIC: Newcastle Herald)

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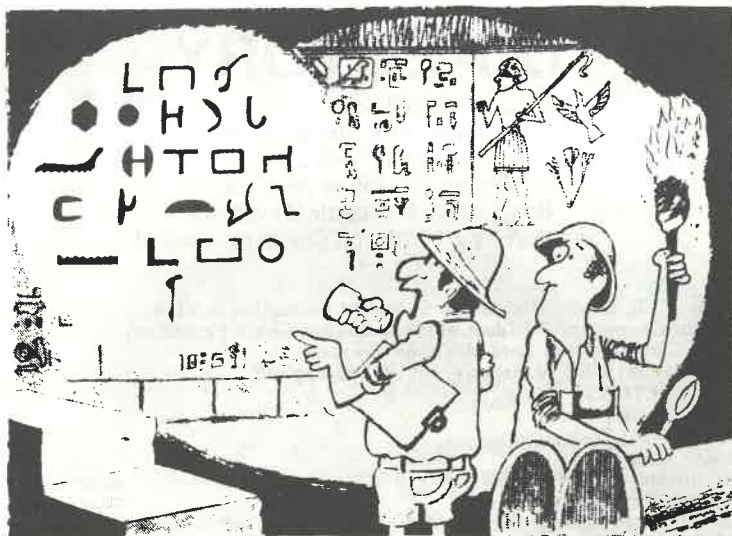
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APIA is the latest jewel in the crown of the Philips Soccer League of Australia. Having missed the start in 1977 (due to politics alone), this great club made its belated entry into the league at the start of the 1979 season.

Initially it had proposed its entry through a merger with Western Suburbs Soccer Club but the merger disintegrated and APIA bought out the bulk of Wests' outstanding players.

Among the former Wests stars are Peter Stone and Greg Woodhouse. Peter is well known to the Novocastrians among us today. His stint with Adamstown Rosebuds before moving on to Sydney and his glorious deeds for Tech High in the Tasman Cup made a deep impression on us. Then his performances in the midfield for Australia's 1978 World Cup challenge gave us a happy reminder of his skill and flair.

Greg Woodhouse is only nineteen but he has already won full caps for the Socceroos and repeatedly given virtuoso performances between the sticks for his club, APIA. The crowds in Asuncion, Paraguay, idolised Greg for his "agilidad and reflecciones".

Peter Wilson, Socceroo captain of 1974 World Cup fame, is still the key man in the APIA defence. He plays his chosen sweeper role with skill and sang froid. When things were tough for Rudi Gutendorf recently he had no hesitation in recalling Peter to the Australian squad for New Zealand. One of Peter's greatest assets is his heading ability. In his younger days he ventured more upfield where his crackling headers would disappear into the net before the keeper could sight them.

Terry Butler is perhaps less well known than the players already mentioned but he has a lot going for him. For starters Terry is the good and faithful servant who has stuck with APIA through thick and thin. He has been in and out of Australian squads for years and he is an excellent footballer. Perhaps he is playing with more enthusiasm now than for some years. That makes him a very enthusiastic player indeed.

Two other APIA figures rate highly.

First there is Rosario Rampanti. This man is a legend in Italy. His footballing deeds are legendary only in the sense that people recall them in vivid memory. He is still very much the genius. He cost APIA something like sixty thousand dollars and few of the club's supporters or administrators would feel the money less than well spent. He is the complete midfielder, the ball spreader who has given Terry Butler his new lease on life.

The other man is Ray Richards. Ray has gone through troubled times over the past eighteen months. He saw the wreckage of the hopes of Marconi and, like his former friend Rale Rasic, left a sadder and a wiser man.

For a few matches Ray played defensive mid-fielder for APIA. When the club was having difficulty in adjusting to the new demands of Philips League soccer he replaced Jim Adams as coach of the club (on a provisional basis until a fortnight ago) and things immediately started to improve.

APIA was having a dream run until the match with Brisbane City a fortnight ago. The shaky start to the season had been put behind the side and it was clearly a permanent resident in the top four if not a serious challenger for the premier position. Much of the credit for that happy turn of events went to Ray Richards.

Ray, of course, is another of the heroes of the Socceroo campaign to win a place in the finals of the 1974 World Cup. He knows what big time football is about and what is required to get results. He served his apprenticeship under Rale Rasic, a man who is still rated among the best coaches Australia has ever had.

APIA gets strong support from the Italian community of the inner city and more particularly the Leichhardt area. At present the club bases its playing activities on Wentworth Park. In the not too distant future they may return to Lambert Park in the heart of the area from which their support traditionally comes.

Lambert Park holds fond memories for many of the men who blazed the trail for Newcastle United. Men like Reg Date, Alf Quill and Frank Parsons. Yes and Ken Booth who played for Leichhardt Annandale before it became APIA Leichhardt. Ken Booth, now Minister for Sport and Recreation, patron of Newcastle United and the Northern Federation, was a striker with Leichhardt Annandale just after the war. The mention of Lambert Park brings back to him so many fond memories.

APIA's licensed club house is just across the road from Lambert Park. It is the source of much of the club's wealth. Perhaps one day you'll go to Lambert Park to watch a P.S.L. match and later step across the road to the clubhouse. You are certain of the warmest welcome.

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## FROM THE TUNNEL



Alan Vest

time 2-0 up with goals from our top scorer, Roy Drinkwater and Joe Senkalski's first P.S.L. goal of the season. We went out for twenty (20) minutes in the second half when South Melbourne gambled and pushed men forward. They pulled a quick goal and we got back into the game and received two (2) valuable points.

With all players fit now except Ian Seddon, competition for places is fierce and players now have to be on their toes to keep their places. Joe Senkalski and Peter Tredinnick have grabbed their chances lately and have put in some magnificent performances.

Congratulations are due to Kenny Boden and Arno Bertogna who enhanced their National Team chances with good displays against Partizan and both worked hard only two (2) days later in Melbourne.

Well its another vital game today against Apia. We beat them 3-1 earlier in the season but since then they have climbed up the League under new Coach, Ray Richards. They have some fine players in Socceroos Greg Woodhouse, Peter Wilson and Peter Stone and expensive Italian import, Rosario Ramparti.

It will be a hard game and hopefully as entertaining as our last game. So keep up that support — the lads love it.

Well, five (5) points from the last eight (8) games keeps us well in touch with the leaders and if we can get similar points from our remaining games, will get us into the Top Four.

Probably the most exciting game we have had in Newcastle against West Adelaide saw us dominate play and yet fail to find the net.

We are concerned about not scoring, but the main factor is working to create chances which we are doing and we feel sure the goals will come. In fact at this stage we are the fourth (4th) highest scorers in the League.

In Melbourne last week, we played tremendously well in the first half against a gale force wind and went in at half-

*Alan Vest travels by Holden courtesy of McLEOD, KELSO and LEE*

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The programme to-day includes an insert which seeks the views and cooperation of you — the reader.

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# PLAYER PROFILE



This Week:  
**COLIN "BUNNY" CURRAN**

POSITION:  
Attacking fullback.

SHIRT NUMBER:  
15.

DATE OF BIRTH:  
21-8-47.

STAR SIGN:  
Leo.

HEIGHT:  
169cm.

WEIGHT:  
72kg.

HAIR COLOUR:  
Brown.

EYES:  
Brown.

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT:  
Playing for Australia in the Munich,  
1974 World Cup.

HOBBIES:  
Gardening.

SUPERSTITIONS:  
None.

AMBITIONS:  
To spend more time with his family.

GREATEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:  
His family and Rale Rasic.

FAVOURITE ENTERTAINMENT:  
The Beatles, Elvis Presley, Charles Bronson,  
Clint Eastwood and Norman Wisdom.



# SECURITY FORCE MERITS PRAISE

The better aspects of the disappointing match between Australia and Partizan of Belgrade at the International Sports Centre recently go to the credit of the Newcastle KB United Club, charged by the Australian Soccer Federation with the organisation of the match.

The organisation and promotion of the fixture were, as usual, of a very high standard and merited the high praise given by Australian Federation officials.

In singling out one facet for praise one does not overlook the overall picture but too little has been said of the fine work by the club's Security Force led by Peter McNamara for its outstanding work during the disgraceful happenings, — none of the Australian team's making — near half-time in the match.

Had it not been for the quick action taken by members of the SF the situation might well have got completely out of hand. Some hot heads from both camps seemed intent on being the spearhead of a near riot. But the SF quickly curbed the would-be troublemakers and had the position well in hand when reinforced by uniformed members of the police force.

It was a job well done — but, then, when does KB United not do a job properly and well?

And also — a congratulatory slap (a hearty one) for referee Jim Reeves on the manner in which he handled the match. He had a most difficult task but acquitted himself with much distinction.

Australia's coach, Rudi Gutendorf, was generous in his praise of Mr Reeves ability — and who could disagree?

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## TOMORROW FOR TOMORROW

This Sunday's Big Match between Federation sides Edgeworth and Weston, at Edgeworth will be the occasion for a Gala Bowls day and other functions at the Bowling Club.

A barbecue will follow the game and there will be a Disco at night.

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11.40am: Inter-association Under 13 grade competition match: Valentine v Belmont.

12.40pm: Inter-association competition fixture: Kahibah v Wallsend Rovers.

1.50pm: Presentation of Miss Australia entrants.

2.00pm: Trampoline exhibition by State, Australian and World champions.

2.15pm: Marching Girls' display by members of the Adamstown Marching Girls' Club.

### MATCHES YET TO PLAY

Matches which KB United has yet to play in the Philips League Championship, showing where the fixtures will be played and the result of matches in the first round with KB United's score shown first, are:-

- July 15: Brisbane City, away, 4-1.
- July 21: Adelaide City, home, 0-0.
- July 29: Sydney Olympic, away, 3-0.
- August 4: Heidleberg, home, 4-2.
- August 19: Canberra City, away, 0-2.
- August 25: Brisbane Lions, home, 0-3
- Sept. 2: Sydney City, away, 0-1.
- Sept. 8: Marconi, home, 1-2.
- Sept. 16: St George, away, 4-2.
- Sept. 22: Footscray, home, 0-2.

### THREE WILL BE LUCKY

There will be three Lucky Programme numbers for the match against Apia today. The winners will receive the beautifully presented full colour souvenir book of the 1978 World Cup which was published in Germany. The book retails at \$29.95 but is being sold at the Soccer Shop for \$10.

The Lucky Programme numbers are announced during the half-time break at each home fixture.

### KB's STRIP FOR HOME MATCH ON JULY 21.

The KB United players will wear green, white and brown in their playing strip for the match against Adelaide City at the International Sports Centre on July 21.

### BONUS POINTS ON WAY OUT

Although Australian coach, Rudi Gutendorf, is right on the ball with almost everything he does and says, he has had at least two disappointments in the past week.

One was the Australian Association decision not to enter a team in the Moscow Olympic Games. The other would be the decision by clubs in the Philips League Championship to scrap the bonus points system next season.

The system gave three points to a team winning by four goals more than scored by its opponent.

Gutendorf, who has no use for negative football, suggested the plan in a bid to encourage teams to score more goals. He considers that goals are what people want and that teams should have an inducement to score them.

There is worthwhile argument for and against but it seems wrong that a team which defeats a highly placed opponent by, say, three goals to nil, should be handicapped when a top team beats a lowly placed XI by four goals to nil.

A consensus of opinion among the 14 clubs in the Philips League clearly suggest that a wide majority are in favour of the system being abandoned.



# SCORERS

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## NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

1. PHIL DANDO
2. PETER WILLIS
3. NEAL ENDACOTT
4. CRAIG MASON
5. BILL SUMMERSCALES
6. ROY DRINKWATER
7. ARNO BERTOGNA
8. IAN SEDDON
9. KENNY BODEN
10. GRAHAM HEYS
11. DAVID JONES

### MANAGER:

Alan Vest

### COLOURS:

Emerald,

cinnamon

and white

or

Red, gold

and black

12. JOE SENKALSKI
13. KEVAN KEELAN
14. JOHN SNEDDON
15. COL CURRAN
16. PETER TREDINNICK
17. JIM McBREEN
18. MICHAEL BOOGAARD
19. MALCOLM McCLELLAND
20. JIM PRESTON
21. KEITH HARRIS
22. BRETT COWBURN

### REFEREE:

Mr Peter Rampley (Sydney)



### LINESMEN:

Bob Warren

Rob Davies

1. GREG WOODHOUSE
2. ROD SKELLERN
3. WARREN TURNBULL
4. ERIC CARRUTHERS
5. PETER WILSON
6. IAN ROWDEN
7. ROSS RAMPANTI
8. TERRY BUTLER
9. ANDY SCOTT

### COACH:

R. Richards

### COLOURS:

Burgundy &

sky blue.

10. PETER STONE
11. JOHN VERNON
12. KEN REED
13. RAY RICHARDS
14. BRIAN O'DONNELL
15. BOB McGINN
16. ROBBIE DREWS
17. MARCK SAMUELS
18. DAVE MAGUIRE

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RESULT — NEWCASTLE

A.P.I.A.

## ON THE HALFWAY LINE

### THE PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

#### Newcastle United Analysis

CLUB	P	W	B	D	L	F	A	P	V	S	C	V	S	C
Marconi	14	8	(4)	3	3	36	18	23	—	—	—	A	1-2	8,000
Adelaide City	15	8	(1)	3	4	28	17	20	—	—	—	A	0-0	5,100
Sydney City	14	8	(1)	2	4	29	20	19	H	0-1	9,823	—	—	—
Brisbane City	15	8	(1)	2	5	24	19	19	H	4-1	9,037	—	—	—
West Adelaide	15	7	(1)	3	5	20	17	18	H	0-0	8,687	A	1-1	6,127
A.P.I.A.	15	8	(—)	2	5	19	18	18	—	—	—	A	3-1	4,287
Newcastle United	15	7	(—)	3	5	24	18	17	—	—	—	—	—	—
Heidelberg	13	5	(1)	4	4	19	14	15	—	—	—	A	4-2	3,500
Canberra City	14	4	(—)	5	5	16	17	13	H	0-2	8,254	—	—	—
Sydney Olympic	15	6	(—)	1	8	18	20	13	H	2-0	18,367	—	—	—
Footscray	14	5	(—)	1	8	16	26	11	—	—	—	A	0-2	1,200
Brisbane Lions	14	5	(—)	—	9	16	27	10	—	—	—	A	0-3	1,300
South Melbourne	15	3	(—)	2	10	13	30	8	H	3-0	7,091	A	2-1	3,000
St. George	14	3	(—)	1	10	14	31	7	H	4-2	8,288	—	—	—
	202	85	(9)	32	85	292	292	211	7	13-6	69,547	8	11-12	32,514

### TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

#### Philips League Draw

Brisbane Lions v. Footscray  
Adelaide City v. Marconi  
Sydney City v. St George  
Canberra City v. South Melbourne  
Heidelberg v. West Adelaide  
Sydney Olympic v. Brisbane City

#### N.N.S.W.S.F.F. Draw

Edgeworth v. Weston Bears  
Highfields v. Wallsend  
Belmont Swansea v. West Wallsend  
Lake Macquarie v. Cardiff  
Cessnock v. Adamstown  
Austral v. Toronto Awaba

### NEWCASTLE GOAL SCORERS

Roy Drinkwater	7
Graham Heys	4
Ken Boden	3
Bill Summerscales	3
Brett Cowburn	2
Col Curran	2
Joe Senkalski	1
John Sneddon	1

### GOLDEN GOAL WINNERS

March: Ken Boden  
April: Graham Heys  
May:

### FASTEST SCORER

Roy Drinkwater 1min 55sec.

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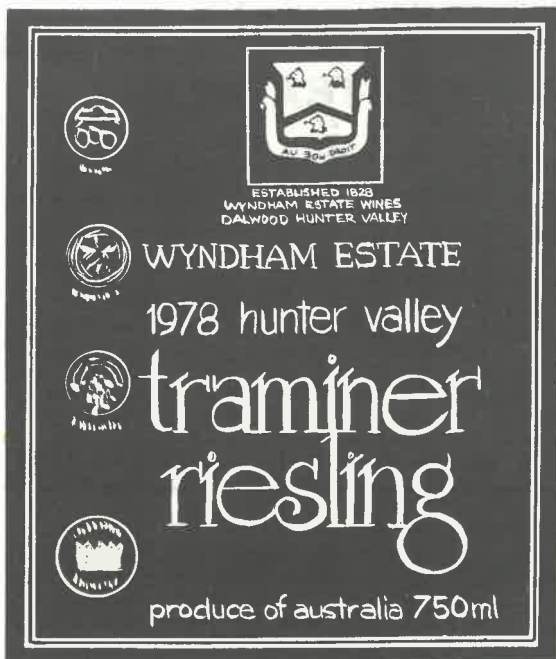
### LAST WEEKEND'S RESULTS

South Melbourne 1 v. Newcastle 2.  
Sydney Olympic 1 v. Footscray 0.  
West Adelaide 3 v. A.P.I.A. 1.  
Brisbane City 2 v. Adelaide City 1.

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The points for the Player of the Year Award after the Match against South Melbourne are as follows:—

Drinkwater	7.67
Bertogna	7.53
Seddon	7.52
Summerscales	7.50
Boden	7.49
Preston	7.42
Curran	7.35
McClelland	7.15
Sneddon	7.13
Senkalski	7.11
Cowburn	7.04
Heys	6.84
Keelan	6.83
Endacott	6.67
Willis	6.65
Dando	6.58
Tredinnick	6.52
Mason	6.25
Harris	6.22
Jones	6.00
McBreen	5.97



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We have heard it so many times, that it is goals that make the game exciting. It is true, providing the goals are not going into the same act 4 or 5 consecutive times.

If you studied the faces of the supporters and spectators after the Westad game, you would not believe that they had just seen a soccer match which ended in an 0-0 draw. The atmosphere was electrifying. Our boys did everything. Played attractive football at times and did not give away an inch (pardon me — a “mm”) to Westad. Only heavens knows what would have happened to the grandstand if United could “pop one in” towards the end of the game.

We supporters are trying very hard to create such an atmosphere, as we had on the Westad game. Of course, it depends on the team too. If we can see a bit of sparkle from the players, we amplify it from the grandstand, hoping that it will be infectious.

We urge you people in the grandstand and on the hill — get into the action and get behind our team all the time. After all, this is what we have. “This is our team”.

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You must not forget about our “BLACK CAT BALL” on Friday, 13th July, at the Wallsend Community Centre.

The music is provided by a good band and the dance commences at 8.00 pm — till 1.00 am.

The price is \$7.00 a double only — supper will be provided.

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Bus tickets for the SYDNEY OLYMPIC GAME on 29th July, are available. Bookings are taken at the Information Centre under the Grandstand, or at the KB United shop, during the week.

The supporter's club has also booked

a Smorgasbord for 200, at the Sydney Olympic Club for \$2.50 per head.

If you wish to take advantage of this offer, please indicate when you purchase your bus tickets.

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There are still 2 seats available on one of the coaches to Canberra.

The weekend buses leave at 8.00 am Saturday, 11th August.

The day trip bus leaves at 5.00am Sunday, 19th August.

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If you buy a GOLDEN GOAL TICKET today, it may be worth \$200 to you. This of course, includes the Jackpot prize from the Westad game.

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We have two wonderful prizes for our RAFFLE today.

The Newcastle Workers' Club has donated 2 double tickets for their show which features none other than the great “STYLISTIC” group. Buy a ticket, this is one way to avoid the rush.

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Coach to the Sydney Olympic game from Cessnock.

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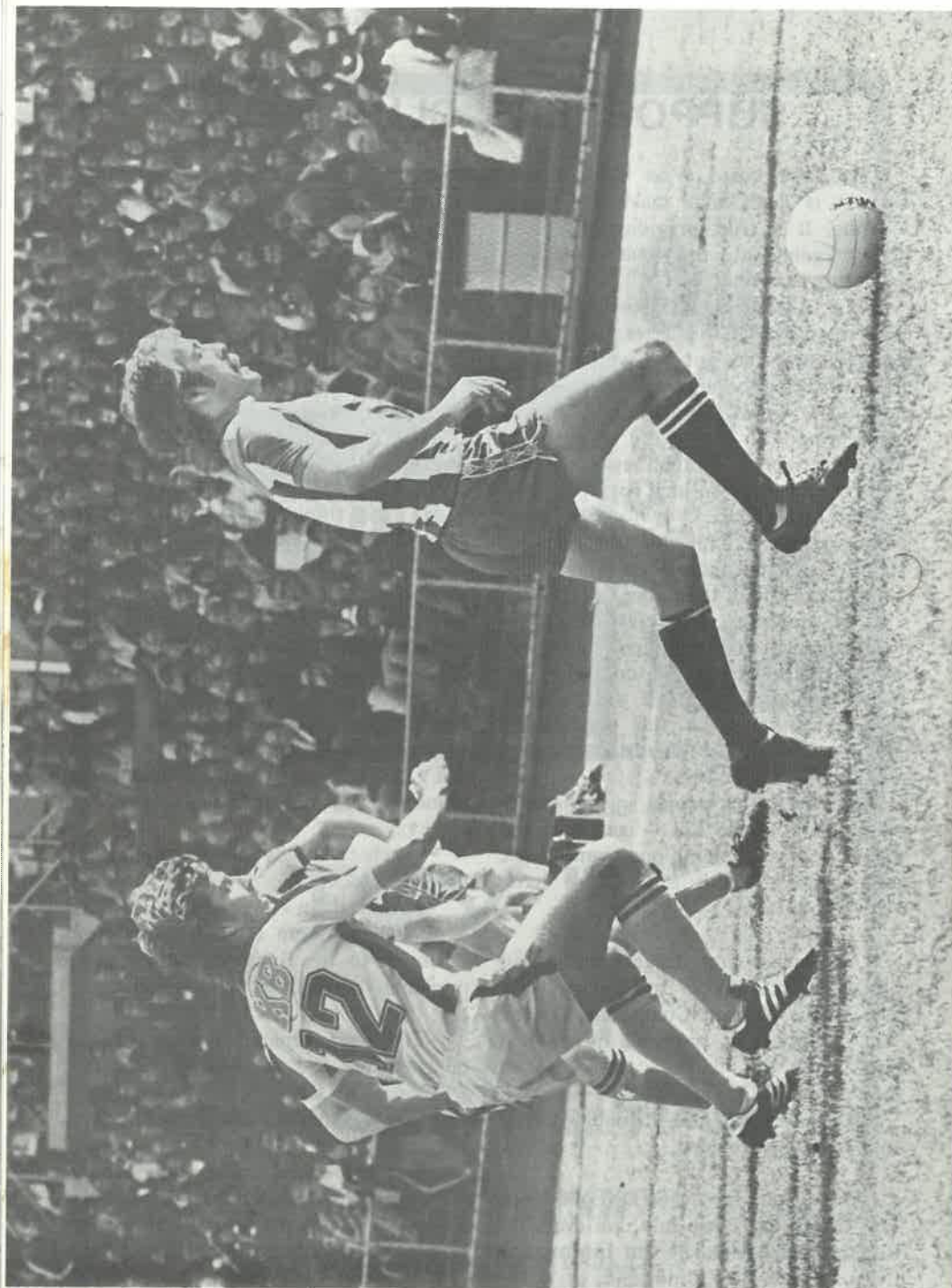
The next general meeting will be held on the 3rd of July — Tuesday, 7.30 pm at I.S.C.

Come along and bring your friends.

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The supporters' Lucky Club Member at the last home match was Member No. 1226, Mr B. E. Brown, of 18 Brown Street, West Wallsend. Mr Brown won a free bus trip to Sydney for the match against Sydney Olympic on July 29.





KB United player, Joe Senkalski (No. 12) chases Peter Boyle (West Adelaide) during the recent scoreless draw at the International Sports Centre. He caught up with him too!

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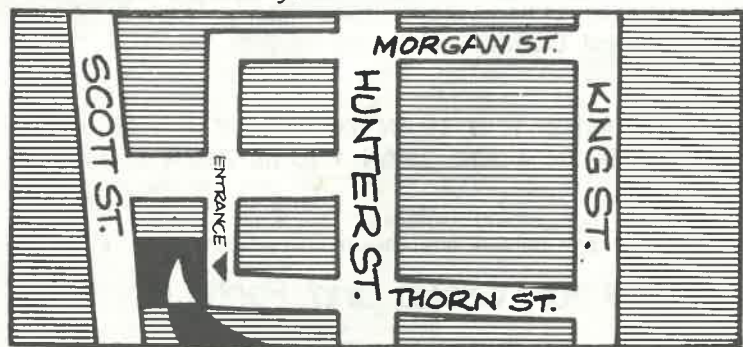
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## THE LITTLE MAN IN THE BAGGY PANTS WAS ONE OF WORLD'S BEST FORWARDS

Alex James, generally accepted as the most outstanding and effective inside forward in British Soccer history, certainly the best of his time and the dominant force behind Arsenal being the foremost club in the land in the 1930's, was not only the darling of football crowds.

He was the delight of newspaper cartoonists.

This was because James, who stood only 5ft 5in tall, always wore baggy shorts which fell below his knees. His somewhat quaint figure on the field often led to him being referred to as the Charlie Chaplin of Soccer.

On reflection, it is not an uncomplimentary comparison. Just as Chaplin was a remarkable entertainer in films so did James entertain on a Soccer pitch — always to packed galleries — and often when he was off it.

It is surprising, even astounding, that James played only eight times for his native Scotland, spread over eight years. That is surely an indictment of Scotland's selectors who could so blatantly ignore the player claimed to be the greatest inside-forward and football schemer of his, or all, time.

It suggests that Scotland, in the eight years, possessed a spate of football richness. It was not so.

Perhaps the fact that James was so outspoken, particularly against those in charge of the game in Scotland, led to him being so often passed over. He was not, according to those who should know, the easiest man to handle. He was brilliant and knew it and did not brook fools, or selectors, gladly. But his being ignored so frequently when Scotland needed all its strength, makes one wonder.

James, in his best days, and they were many and long, was without equal in forming one of Soccer's most telling moves, the counter-attack.

He would, almost unobtrusively, drop back to a deep-lying position, pick up a short ball from the main defenders and send it, with unerring and unparalleled accuracy, to either wing — preferably Cliff Bastin — or down the middle.

In his days with the team, Arsenal was described as a defensive side built around the stopper. Yet the fact is that it scored more goals in the decade before World War II than any other team in the English League First Division. And James, with his pinpoint passing and an uncanny ability to see two or three moves ahead, was the main cause of it.

Strangely, he did not score often, preferring to make the openings for others to fire the telling shots. That was the role in which Herbert Chapman, Arsenal's astute manager, cast him. Chapman expressed disappointment when

James did occasionally score since, as he said, he wanted James to make goals, not score them.

Yet James was a noted goal-scorer when he played with Raith Rovers and then Preston North End. And he scored two of Scotland's goals when the "Wembley Wizards", or the "Wee Reck it Devils" humbled England on English soil in

However, when James joined Arsenal in 1929 at a transfer fee of only £9000 Chapman instructed him that his purpose was to be the tactician, not the battering ram. Between 1929 and 1937, the year of his retirement, James was the force behind Arsenal teams which won four League championships and the English Football Association Cup in 1930 and 1936.

He played for Arsenal in 231 First Division fixtures and scored only 26 goals. The total includes three in one match — a happening that caused something of a sensation in football circles.

It is claimed that James became somewhat nettled when it was suggested by a noted English Soccer writer that since he was not scoring goals he was a spent force. Having made his reply with a hat-trick James was satisfied and did not score for another 38 matches. But he could undoubtedly have scored many more goals but was content to be the focal point of the highly successful Herbert Chapman system.

That did not mean he was always ready to bow to direction. Indeed no. He was the team captain when dropped from the last match in a season in which Arsenal won the championship because he refused to go to Ireland for a meaningless midweek match.

In retaliation, he refused to attend the club's celebration banquet.

Born in 1902 and retired in 1937, although it was obvious he could have graced the stage for a few more seasons, James joined a pools firm so disqualifying himself from playing any part in football administration in England for a long time.

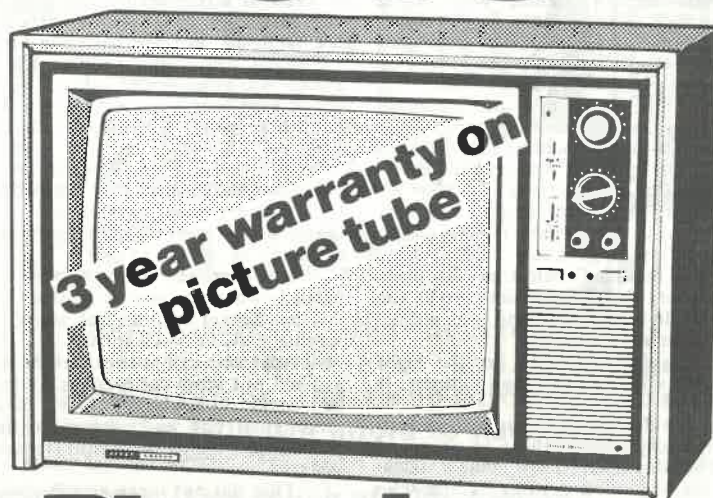
He went to Poland as a coach just before the outbreak of World War II and was fortunate to escape internment — or worse. After the war, he coached Arsenal's A team and then became the top critic for a London Newspaper being a most outspoken, sometimes almost vitriolic, critic. He died in his 51st year.

Soccer has changed greatly since the little Scot in the baggy pants worked his wonders on Soccer fields and cast his spells on crowds. But the 5ft 5in tall Alex James stands exceedingly tall at the pinnacle of the list of the great players and great personalities.

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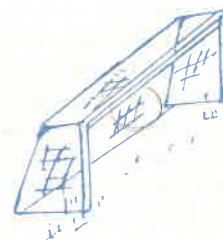
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### SOME STEPS IN THE GAME'S PROGRESS IN THE NORTH

The first Soccer club in the North was started with two donations, each of a sovereign.

When Minmi Rangers was formed in 1884, Mr W. Gardiner, manager of Minmi Colliery, donated a sovereign and gave a similar donation from the colliery's cash box. The first purchase was three locally made footballs. More were sent from Scotland.

The first competition in the North did not begin until late in May, 1886. But it was preceded by a challenge match in which Minmi Rangers played Granville at Minmi. More than 1100 attended and a silver collection raised £25-2-0. Minmi won, three-two.

The first representative Soccer match in the North was played on May 24, 1886 (Queen's Birthday) at Hamilton. The teams were Newcastle and Sydney. More than 2000 watched it and a collection netted 51-11-6. Newcastle won, one-nil.

The first double figure score in a Northern competition match was recorded in July, 1886. Hamilton Athletic defeated Carrington Black Watch, 14-2. J. Stevenson, later to donate the Stevenson Cup for Northern teams' competition, scored seven times, a record that stood for many years.

In 1889, when Minmi Rangers went to Mittagong to meet the Joadji Valley team in a State Cup match the Minmi

players were lowered into the valley by means of a flying fox. The driver admitted that he had backed the home side. He increased the normal speed of the fox to unsettle the visiting players. He apparently succeeded since Minmi lost, two-one. Joadji Valley played in the final and lost, one-nil, to Pyrmont Rangers.

The first crowd of 2000 or more to be present at a Soccer final in the North were at the match between Wallsend Rovers and Minmi Rangers in the Ellis Cup on September 6, 1890. Minmi won, two-one. The match was played at the old Newcastle Cricket Ground situated in the vicinity of Corlette Crescent in Cooks Hill.

Robert Wilson, a half-back who played for Burwood United against Carrington Black Watch in the Ellis Cup final of 1891, later moved to Queensland where he became the first professional cricketer in that State.

It was in 1891 that, following a decision by the English Football Association field and line umpires became referees and linesmen in the North.

A Northern team — again Minmi Rangers, — took part in the first match in which goal nets were used in Australia. That was in 1892 at the Burwood (Sydney) ground when Minmi surprised by defeating Pyrmont Rangers in the Gardiner Cup final. Pyrmont Rangers, playing in its fourth successive final, was a hot favourite but Minmi Rangers won, three-nil. More than 5000 watched the match.

The first penalty kick awarded in a Northern match was that given by the referee, Mr Tom Marshall, of the Junction, to Wallsend in a match against

Adamstown Rosebuds at Wallsend in 1893. It was taken by 'Korkie' Miller, who scored. This followed a decision introducing the penalty kick to English football in 1892.

The first hat-trick scored in a representative match in which a Newcastle team played was that by James Curran, of Minmi Rangers, in a match in 1895 against a Sydney side. Newcastle won, five-nil.

In 1896, a match was played at Southern Cross in Western Australia between teams of players from the Newcastle area who had crossed the continent in search of work. It was Minmi v Adamstown and ended in a two-all draw.

Mr W. R. Denton, donor of the Denton Cup, a popular competition many years ago, who was president of

the Newcastle Association, became president of the NSW Association in 1900 — the first from the North to gain such a prominent position.

The complete West Wallsend team of 1902 was named by the Northern selectors to play in the annual Newcastle v Sydney match. It was played on June 28, which was Coronation Day, and was won by Newcastle, four goals to two. The match was played at West Wallsend, gate takings being £55.

District football was introduced to Newcastle in 1893. Boundaries were — Wallsend and Plattsburg, municipal boundaries, West Wallsend — Young Wallsend, one area; Cardiff to Toronto, Teralba district; Catherine Hill Bay, one area; Merewether — Glebe, one area; Broadmeadow, one area; Adamstown, one area; Minmi, one area.

### REMARKABLE EFFORT BY EDGEWORTH

Any team competing in a top grade Soccer competition which can run up a string of 10 matches without defeat is doing remarkably well.

What then of Edgeworth which, last Sunday, scored a four-one win against Highfields Azzurri at Whitebridge Oval to record its 40th successive match without defeat?

The fact that the fixture was part of the Northern NSW Federation First Division premiership makes the effort more impressive.

A search of records of Soccer in Australia gives no parallel to Edgeworth's feat. It is doubtful if it has a precedent in top grade Soccer competition anywhere the game is played.

#### REMARKABLE

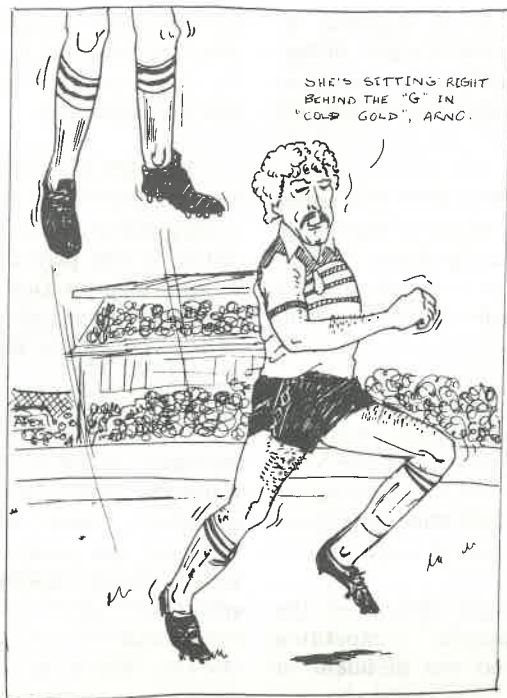
The team's outstanding effort is a glowing tribute to the dedication and skill of the players — and also to the ability of the coach.

If the premiership was of lower standard or opposing teams of dubious quality the effort would not be so noteworthy but the simple fact is that Edgeworth has to earn its points for competition is strong.

The club is looking forward to reaching a half-century of matches without loss — and then, no doubt, sights will be on the century.

The progress to those goals will be eagerly followed by the many enthusiasts in the North who, even if not attending the matches, keenly follow the team's bid for what would be an outstanding record.





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### IRONNIES

RONNY B: Swathed in multi-coloured blankets, Ken Burns sat alone in the dressing room after a rare Forest defeat. Meanwhile Brian Clough was describing Ken to reporters as a rugged individualist.

ronnie c: Jock Stein, the new Scotland manager who took up golf during the off-season, will no longer be seen on the fairways. He lost his ball.

RONNY B: On Tuesday night at the Norwich "Canaries" A.G.M. there were rowdy scenes during which several directors were pelted with bags of bird seed. The following evening "Spurs" annual meeting had to be abandoned after the president was hit with rotten eggs. Tonight's Arsenal A.G.M. has been put off until further notice.

ronnie c: Reporters asked Col Curran how long he would be in New Zealand and what position he would be playing. He replied, "I'll be right back."

RONNY B: Gale force winds today ripped the roof off the local grandstand and spread sheets of corrugated iron over a wide area. A spokesman for the club said it was a shattering blow.

ronnie c: In court today a footballer with terrible facial injuries claimed they were caused by a towering stopper and a baldheaded sweeper. Later, under cross-examination, he admitted he was drunk at the time and it may have been a stunted signalman with a worn-out hair broom.

RONNY B: There was uproar during a village green match when the referee disallowed a goal which would have given the local side a draw. He stated after the match that the kicker had teed up a free kick on a cow pat and the laws distinctly state that a free kick may not be taken while the ball is in motion.

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The Irish footballer was batching while his wife was on holidays at her mother's. The coach noticed he was looking a bit peaked and discovered he hadn't been eating. So he told the footballer to get some sausages on the way home. As he said, "They are as easy to cook as fish and they are only half the price." A few days later the coach noticed his player wasn't looking much better. "Haven't you been cooking those sausages?" he asked.

The player replied, "Faith and there's not much of 'em after you've skinned and gutted 'em."

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There were plenty of reasons why Newcastle should be accepted into the Philips Soccer League but, in the event, the club scraped in by one vote. The main source of opposition was the rather meagre budget. But Newcastle's reputation as a breeding ground for football talent won the day. Ray Baartz was there as a walking reminder of it.

Great things grow from small starts,  
Crowds have taken the club to their hearts.  
Instead of despairing  
They showed real daring  
Though their submission was all ifs and  
Baartz.

Rudi's suggestion about bonus points was adopted for the PSL in 1979 not without some misgivings. Controversy is likely to continue. But, when it is all boiled down, it takes a good side to gain any advantage from the new scoring system.

Coaches talked of zones when the game began.

Then there was marking man-for-man.

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One of the great characters of Australian football is "Uncle" Joe Vlasits. Just recovering from an operation he took on N.S.W. Under 16's and 18's in addition to his job as N.S.W. Director of Coaching. Then he answered an S.O.S. from St George to get them out of the cellar. To top all that off he acted as assistant to Rudi Gutendorf for the New Zealand and Paraguay campaigns in the Coca-Cola World Youth Cup eliminations.

Confucius, he say,

"Glutton for punishment — he called Hungarian?"

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Paddy had failed his field test. In the first minute the left back had hit the opposing right winger. Within the next few minutes the misdeed had been repeated three times without the yellow card being shown.

"You'll just have to do the test again, Paddy," said the examiners. "That left fullback got away with murder and you didn't even issue a warning."

"Faith and I did," replied Paddy. "And didn't I say to the winger, 'You'd better look out, I think he's after you.'"

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### DAFFYNITIONS

TURNSTILES: They click more often if the team does.

PROGRAMME: Tells the uninformed about the uninformed.

DRESSING ROOM: Has a low table and some tall boys.

UNDER-THE-LAP PAYMENT: Bonus for running three-quarters of the way round the ground.

RUNNERS-UP: Side in a hurry to get to the top of the ladder.

COACH: Has a captain and usually more than one passenger.

TRAINER: Often accused of treating the lads like dogs but does a lot of barking and snapping himself.

STOPPER: So named because he often has a corker and bottles up his opposition.

WOODWORK: Where lads with definite manual aptitudes learn their craft.

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# CHIPS AND CROSSES

Have you been making use of all the possible sources of information about Newcastle United? You may not be aware of all the media outlets:-

The Newcastle Morning Herald.

The Newcastle Sun, particularly its Friday supplement.

The Northern Federation's "Soccer News". "Soccer Action" the weekly publication available from your newsagent and which now carries a Newcastle page.

N.B.N. Channel 3, specially the Saturday sports show.

Radio 2HD, specially the segment about 11-45 Saturday.

Speaking of the media, there is to be another edition of "Soccer Life", the glossy magazine which proved so popular in 1978. It should be available in the coming weeks and it will be packed with beautiful colour photos and interesting reading. Co-editors of the publication are Ian Williamson of Newcastle and Stephen Blatchford, the well-known soccer writer (now editing) with the "Australian".

Keep an eye out for "Soccer Life". It will be on sale at one of our home matches this month.

Paul Trisley doesn't do anything by halves. For the last home match v West Adelaide there was an eleven-page hand-out for the press. The hand-out covered in fine detail the scheduled events for the day and made an excellent supplement to the programme.

On Easter weekend we had that record crowd. Eighteen thousand, three hundred and sixty-seven people turned up to see United beat Olympic 2-0. It is no co-incidence that junior football was cancelled that day. The crowd at the last home match against West Adelaide was only a moderate one (8,687) but it might have been worse had not junior sport been washed out. The moral of the story is that the P.S.L. management would do itself a favour if it allocated Newcastle home games on the two weekends when no junior soccer is played - Easter and Queens Birthday weekends.

One of the most enjoyable features of a programme can be a statistics section. Many avid fans like nothing better than to pore the tables and do the things that statisticians inevitably do - draw conclusions; make predictions; average out; provide estimates and guestimates; check for accuracy and pounce gleefully on any apparent errors.

So you may have noted by this the apparent discrepancy between the Newcastle goal tally and the list of scorers. The difference lies not in own goals. There haven't been any either for or against United in 1979. Our 2-1 win over South Melbourne has been credited as a 3-0 win because that club played its first three matches of the premiership with an unregistered player.

Guestimates are unscientific guesses. Obviously there has been a lot of it going on in

the Philips Soccer League this season. Take the away crowds in the Newcastle analysis of the statistics section. To date there appear to be only two accurate figures, that for the match with A.P.I.A. at Wentworth Park, and that for the West Adelaide game. All the other away crowds are nicely rounded either to the nearest hundred or the nearest thousand. You can't be absolutely certain that the two exceptions are accurate either. Those two figures may have been guesses with a cloak of statistical realism. What you can be certain of is that Newcastle United is one club which is organised enough to accurately check its turnstiles.

No doubt you will have noted that the game against South Melbourne brought Newcastle's spectator tally past the one hundred thousand point. Up to that match Newcastle United had been watched by 102,061 spectators. What may not have occurred to you is that the away figures contain an x factor. That factor is the tremendous number of United supporters who have travelled to Sydney and other places to follow their favourites.

The next target for United is its one hundred thousand for home matches.

## GOAL TROPHY

Our Golden Goal selection competition moves on to June. Keep the coupon below and, when you think you have spotted United's goal of the month, fill in the coupon and send it off.

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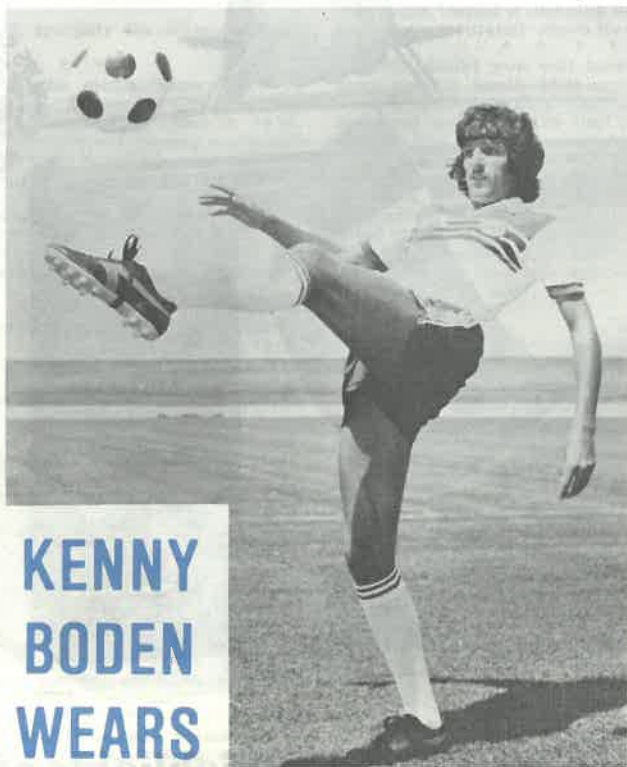
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